



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday September 20, 2019

Upcoming Events

September 23

- Staff Meeting 3:30 pm
- School Council Meeting 7 pm

September 25

- Terry Fox Assembly (parents welcome) 1:30 pm
- Terry Fox Run 2pm

September 26

- Welcome Back BBQ (5 – 7 pm)

October 7

- Gr 7s Immunization Clinic

October 11

- PA Day

October 14

- Thanksgiving

October 15 - 18

- Grade 7s to Mono-cliffs

October 21

- Gr 5s – Queens Park

October 24

- Gr 4s - McMichael Gallery

“CWSA a warm and welcoming place”



Each season brings opportunity for renewal. Before the leaves create a rustling carpet under foot, they bring an array of brilliant colours reminding us of the magical beauty and power of nature – visually beautiful and awe inspiring! This week I observed Ms. Fernandes' classes on the yard, some sprawled on the pavement with their sketch books, others sitting on the turf, the bleachers, and the benches – just observing their surroundings. Taking note of life as it unfolds before them. They were excited as they shared their sketch books with me – whether exploring shading while sketching the details of the rocks or drawing my attention to the brightly coloured moss on the ground, or excitedly asking me to come see a bright green spider almost camouflaged on a tree leaf. Their joy and awe and wonder all apparent. They were discovering the yard through young, open enquiring eyes and minds. Curiosity without judgment – patiently standing still - unhurriedly - observing the changing of the seasons. Although each year is a little different – each is always breath taking and refreshing in its own way. Fall excites the creativity in our souls if we take time to listen, observe and feel. The onset of Fall can be good once you let go of those nostalgic memories of warm summer nights and allow yourself to experience the new energies released through the fiery Fall colours.

This week I asked all children to reflect on what each of us can do to make CWSA a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment. I've asked them to be kind and helpful to others, mindful of the affects of their words and actions, to give kindness and forgiveness rather than retaliation and revenge. I encourage them to be kind in their curiosity without fear of difference, learning to observe while withholding judgement.

This weekend as you experience the fleeting summer weather, perhaps you can share a moment with your child reflecting on this past summer while appreciating the coming Fall season marked by the Autumn Equinox, bright sunny days and cool, crisp evenings. Ms. Jones



When the weather is hot, keep a cool mind.
When the weather is cold, keep a warm heart.

Ajahn Brahm (Buddhist Monk)



No man can taste the fruits of Autumn while he is delighting his sent with the flowers of spring.

Samuel Johnson



Introducing Ms. Lim

I am so excited to teach at Claude Watson this year! I have always heard great things about the students and teachers and now I finally get to see what it's all about! Education is my passion and I hope to make students as excited about learning as I am! I will be teaching grade 5 , 7, and 8 science and grade 5 drama. We have already begun getting our hands dirty experimenting in science class!

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Concert Winds begins **Thursday September 26th** in Rm. 109 at 3:30 pm.

Brass Choir begins **Friday, September 27th** in Rm. 109 at 7:30 am

Jazz Choir begins **Wednesday, September 25th** in Rm. 109 at 7:30 am

Chamber Strings begins **Friday, September 27th** in Rm. 110 at 7:45 am

Salsa Dance Club begins **Tuesday, September 24th** in Rm. 101 at 3:30 pm

French 7/8 Extra Help begins **Tuesday, September 30th** Rm 300 at 12:50 pm

French 7/8 Extra Help begins **Wednesday, October 1st** Rm 300 at 12:50 pm

Boys' Choir begins **Tuesday, October 1st** in Gym at 7:30 am

Girls' Choir for Grades 4 & 5s begins **Tuesday, October 1st** in Rm. 107 at 11:30 am

Girls' Choir for Grade 6's begins **Wednesday, October 2nd** in Rm. 107 at 11:30 am

Chorale begins **Thursday, October 3rd** in Gym at 7:30 am

Peer Homework Club (8s helping 5s) **Friday, October 4th** Rm. 303 at 11:30 am

Yoga begins **Monday, October 22nd** Rm. 101 at 3:30 pm

Art Club begins **Wednesday, October 23th** in Rm. 209 at 11:30 am

Morning Extra-Curricular Activities

Teachers will pick-up students at the doors at the top of the bleachers at the start time of the club or activity. CWSA Teachers will register the students and maintain sign in sheets for students participating in clubs and activities.

Allergy Alert

Information for parents/guardians of students with [allergies](#). Please ensure you have completed the necessary forms at permission clic [\(video assistance\)](#) parents.

Anaphylaxis

If you are the parent of an anaphylactic child please come to the office to check that the necessary paperwork is on file and to provide the school with an **auto-injector Epi-Pen**. If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher and the office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken to ensure everyone's co-operation for a safe learning environment.

Concussion Guidelines

Each year the TDSB and CWSA published important [guidelines on concussions](#). We ask all parents to review this information carefully.

Emergency Drills

Each year CWSA is mandated to practice for emergency situations. We are required to have six fire drills and two lockdown drills. We have had two fire drills this year. Students and staff should expect a third fire drill and two lockdown drills before the winter weather arrives.

Boomerang Lunch

To assist in creating a safer and cleaner environment we are implementing a new waste management system – **Boomerang Lunch**. What does this mean? As a CWSA community we are asking students and families to pack a litterless lunch to school and to **bring back** unfinished food (wrappers, leftovers, juice box containers etc.). At home you and you child(ren) can sort – recycle and compost the waste. This gives parents/guardians a true window into what their children are consuming at school and also provides a structured learning opportunity at home. We ask you support John and Monica, our Lunch Supervisors, as we try a new way to manage waste and create a cleaner environment for our students with health and environmental sensitivities. Remember to add your child's homeroom number to the existing label on their lunch and remind your child(ren) to bring their lunchbag(s) home each day especially on Fridays. A number of CWSA pupils have serious allergies. We ask that families avoid the following food items with **nuts and shellfish** as you prepare lunches – the safety of CWSA students is our top priority. **No glass containers please.**

Grade 7 & 8 Off-Campus Lunch Clarification

Please remind your children of road safety rules, as they leave and return to the school - especially when crossing major roads like Yonge Street. Students are welcome to sit on the bleachers after they return from purchasing their lunches. The CWSA expectation is that students clean up after themselves and discard all garbage in the trash can or recycle bin. A compost bin will not be provided at this time. To avoid complaints from our neighbours, students are reminded to be respectful in the community whenever they leave school property. Students behavior both positive and negative directly reflects upon the reputation of CWSA, please reinforce the expectations when using community facilities such as restaurants, parks. **Off-campus lunch privileges – not a right.**

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips. The problems with School Cash Online, have been resolved. If you are not registered use the following [link](#).

Staff Changes

We thank Ms. Francis for her help opening the school. We wish her well as she continues on at Willowdale MS.

Uniform Order & Pick-up

CWSA will be selling new uniforms in the multi – purpose room. Sample Physical Education and Blue CWSA Polo Shirt will be available for students to try on. Items will be available for purchase online from home. **Please note:** CWSA operates new uniform sales on a cost recovery basis. Uniforms are not fundraisers for the school. Families that require financial support to obtain the mandatory uniforms are encouraged to contact the office. Uniforms purchased through School

Cash online (in stock) can be picked up at the Welcome Back BBQ.

Here are highlights of CWSA Uniforms:

Performance Uniform: The performance uniform is required for all CWSA performances. As well students will be required to wear their uniforms during selected field trips and events. The performance uniform includes:

- ✓ Blue CWSA Polo Shirt – available on cash online
- ✓ Khaki pants- Available at Old Navy: Boys ([Click Here](#)) Girls ([Click Here](#)) or ([Click Here](#))
- ✓ Students who decide to wear skirts should wear navy blue tights
- ✓ Black Belt – All students wearing pants must have a black belt
- ✓ Black socks and black dress shoes

Physical Education Uniform: CWSA athletic wear is required for physical education classes and activities at Claude Watson School for the Arts. Students in all grades are required to wear:

- ✓ Black t-shirt with CWSA logo
- ✓ Black shorts with CWSA logo AND/OR black track pants with CWSA logo.

The physical education uniform will be available on School Cash Online Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the Welcome Back BBQ. We will also have sizes available at the clothing sale (in the multi-purpose room)

Terry Fox Run

We are so excited to see donations coming in for the Terry Fox run. Thank you to those who have brought in pledge forms already. We will continue to accept donations until early October. While we will accept all forms of donations, (online donations, cash, or cheques made out to **The Terry Fox Foundation**) we would like to ask that families who choose to use the pledge form rather than the online fundraising site, use the cheque option rather than cash wherever possible.

We are also hoping to start Toonie Tuesday draws and are looking for prize donations. If you have something that you would like to donate as a prize for the draws, please email megan.schroeder@tdsb.on.ca to make arrangements.

Peer to Peer Homework Club

Ms. Fernandes is in the process of organizing peer to peer homework club for our younger grades. The grade 7's and 8's will be offering homework help for the grade 4's, 5's and 6's during a few lunch times and a number of after school days. Towards the end of this month, a schedule will be communicated to all parents and all students that will commence Sept. 30th.

Grade 7 Mono-Cliffs Trip

On Tuesday, October 15 – Friday, October 18, 2019 **Classes 7.1 & 7.2** will embark on a leadership outdoor education trip to Mono Cliffs. **Accident Insurance** was sent home in September. It is advisable that all students be insured as accidents happen. Please note all parents need to send students with the actual OHIP Card. More information to come.

Agendas

We have just been informed that due to a significant production issue with our vendor, Premier Agendas, there will be a delay in the delivery of our school's student planners. This production issue has impacted the delivery of planners across the TDSB and across the province. While we can't confirm exactly when our school will receive our shipment of planners, we have been told by Premier Agendas that all schools will receive their planners by the end of September.

As we await our shipment of planners, attached are electronic versions of the [TDSB common pages](#). The TDSB common pages contain information about the Board's homework policy, severe weather guidelines, code of online conduct, and more. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through this issue.

2019-2020 School Calendar

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar-2019-2020>

School Recycling and Environment Days

CWSA will no longer be asking student to bring recycling materials from home to school. We ask that families continue to recycle through their local neighborhood and [Environment Days](#).

Entry

Please note entry time as follows:

8:30 am supervision bell - denotes teacher supervision of the yard/bleaches begins

8:40 am entry bell – doors open and students enter the building

3:30 pm dismissal bell – student leave the building under teacher supervision

3:45 pm supervision bell – denotes teacher supervision of the yard/bleachers ends

Note: Students will be considered late if they are not in their 1st period class by 8:45am. All late students must report to the office to get an admit slip. **We are currently discussing revisions to the entry process.**

Who Teaches My Child?

For your reference we have created a chart to help you remember who teaches your child both academic and arts programming at CWSA. That information can be found in the file:

[Who Teaches My Child?](#)

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Lunch Schedule

Please keep a copy of our [School Lunch Schedule](#). This should assist you when managing your child's schedule.

Pizza Lunch

A reminder to place your Pizza Lunch orders through school cash online. **Pizza Lunch days are as follows:**

Thursday, October 31, 2019
Wednesday, November 27, 2019
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Wednesday, May 27, 2020

PARENT VOLUNTEERS are needed for this fun event! Please contact Suzanne Grant at suturpin@yahoo.ca and specify what dates you are available. Any day is greatly appreciated and thanks for all your help!!

School Council News

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Dear parents and caregivers,

*Please ensure that you purchase your tickets for the **Welcome Back BBQ** using school cash online by **Sunday, September 22, 2019**. Meal orders through the cash online will be closed on Monday. If you did not order through the online system, and are planning to come to the event, tickets will be sold during the event; however we encourage you to complete the online transaction.*

Welcome Back BBQ Menu:

- \$10 for beef burger combo
- \$10 veggie burger combo
- \$9 hot dog combo
- All combos come with corn and drink
- Corn can also be bought separately

Thank you to the parents that have already signed in to volunteer during next Thursday's CWSA Welcome BBQ 2019. We are still in need of parents to volunteer to help setup for the BBQ, help with the collection of tickets and distribution of meals, as well as clean up at the end of the event. If you are able to help, please sign up in the link below and select any available spot. Thank you in advance for volunteering at the Welcome Back BBQ! Your help is greatly appreciated! *If you're able to help out at the BBQ, please sign up [here](#).*

Thank you,
Maria Rengifo

*We also encourage all parents to attend the first **School Advisory Council** meeting, next **Monday, September 23, at 7 pm**. This is an excellent opportunity to become actively involved in the school community. School board Trustee, Alexander Brown, and new School Superintendent, Louie Papathanasakis have indicated that they will also be there.*

As always, council members are happy to respond to your questions and concerns to the extent that we are able, and can be reached at claudewatsonsac@gmail.com.

On behalf of SAC

Thanks,
John

A colorful poster for a bake sale fundraiser. At the top, a banner of colorful triangles (purple, blue, green, yellow) hangs across the page. To the right, a circular badge with a scalloped edge contains the date 'SEP 26TH 2019'. The main title 'BAKE SALE' is written in large, bold, pink letters with black outlines. Below it, 'FUNDRAISER' is written in yellow letters with black outlines. A pink ribbon banner contains the event details: 'CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION CWSA BBQ EVENING 5PM - 7PM. MULTI PURPOSE ROOM'. Below the ribbon, there are four lines of text: 'WHERE FUN MEETS YUM', 'WELCOMING ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO SHOW OFF EXCEPTIONAL BAKING TALENT. ALL STUDENTS BAKING SHOULD SIGN UP OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE.', 'CWSA MAKES EDIBLE INCREDIBLE', and 'SCHOOL SAFE PEANUT/TREE NUT FREE'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three cupcakes with pink frosting, chocolate sprinkles, and a red cherry on top. The background is white with scattered pink and teal polka dots.

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BAKE SALE

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CWSA Used Dancewear, Athletic & Uniform Sale

Date: Thursday, Sept.26th, 2019

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm (during Welcome BBQ Event)

Location: CWSA Multipurpose Room

We want to sell your gently used CWSA dancewear, athletic and uniforms!

The Used Dancewear, Athletic & Uniform Sale is a tradition at CWSA of families helping families. The following is a comprehensive list of approved used items accepted for sale:

Please DO NOT submit non-approved items for the Sale.

Performance Uniform items:

- Blue Polo shirt with CWSA logo.
- Khaki Pants (approved).
- Khaki Skirt (approved)

Athletic Uniform items:

- Black Track Pants with CWSA logo
- Black T-Shirt with CWSA logo
- Black Shorts with CWSA logo

Dancewear items:

- Dance Skirt (with or without ribbon trim)
- Black Dance Pants with CWSA logo
- Blue or Orange Girl's Dance Top with CWSA logo
- Black Leotard
- Shoes: tap, jazz, character, ballet (pink for girls, black for boys)

Important: We will be using standardized pricing for ALL SALE ITEMS. Please refer to the attached CWSA Price List and guidelines on preparing your items for sale. Following the guidelines makes the entire operation much more manageable for both our volunteers and sale shoppers. Note: The prices were established through consultation between administration and teachers to ensure fairness.

Drop Off: Items may be dropped off outside the main office before or after school or during lunch.

Last day to drop-off items is Monday, Sept. 23rd, 2019.

Sale Proceeds: Families will be contacted by email when sale proceeds are processed. Sale proceeds Will be paid out to families unless they wish to donate the proceeds to Parent Council fundraising.

Please be sure to include a parent/guardian email address on your inventory sheet.

Unsold Items: Unsold items will be returned via your child. Some parents may choose to donate unsold items to the school's "lending inventory" - for use during school hours in case a child forgets their uniform.

Please note: sale proceeds/returned items will not be available until **after the Thanksgiving weekend So please be patient and refrain from calling the school for details.

Volunteers: **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Volunteers are needed to sort items prior to the day of the sale and to help during the event (Check-out, Sale Attendants, Traffic control, Tag Sorting, Set-up/Clean-up).

To Volunteer, please email:

Monica Walsh, CWSA Support Staff

Mawalsh64@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting CWSA families!

CWSA Used Uniform, Athletic & Dancewear Sale

STANDARDIZED PRICE LIST

Please use the following prices *ONLY* to sell your gently used items.

Performance Uniform

Polo Shirt with Logo	\$ 10.00
Approved Khaki Pant	\$ 10.00
Approved Khaki Skirt	\$ 10.00

Dance Wear

Dance Skirt	\$ 10.00
Dance Pants (all styles)	\$ 10.00
Girls Dance Top (all styles)	\$ 5.00
Leotard	\$ 5.00

Tap Shoes **\$ 20.00**

Jazz Shoes	\$ 10.00
Character Shoes	\$ 10.00

Ballet slippers **\$ 5.00**

(No dress shoes please)

Athletic Wear

Track Pants	\$10.00
Athletic T-Shirt	\$ 5.00
Athletic Shorts	\$ 5.00

Additional information:

- ✓ [Guidelines - Preparing Items for Sale](#)
- ✓ [Inventory List](#)